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SUBJECT: CODESUR AIRCRAFT

REFS: (A) STATE 268794, DECEMBER 1974, (B) CARACAS 12275,
DECEMBER 1974, (C) CARACAS 4186, (D) CARACAS 5161

1. REFERENCE (A) ADVISES THAT, (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WOULD EXTEND THE LOAN OF THE THREE UH-1 HELICOPTERS, INCLUDING REPAIR PARTS AND MAINTENANCE ADVISORY SUPPORT FOR ONE YEAR, TO AUGUST 1975, AND THAT, (2) PURCHASE VICE EXTENSION OF LOAN OF THE U-1A FIXED-WING WAS REQUIRED IF THE GOV WISHED TO RETAIN IT SINCE THAT TYPE AIRCRAFT WAS BEING PHASED-OUT OF THE ARMY INVENTORY.

2. REFERENCE (B) RECOMMENDED STRONGLY RETENTION OF THE UH-1'S AND U-1A IN THE CODESUR PROGRAM AND SUGGESTED THAT THE US MAKE AN OUTRIGHT GRANT OF THESE AIRCRAFT TO THE GOV.

3. DOD HAS FURTHER EXAMINED THE MATTER IN LIGHT OF REFERENCES (B), (C), AND (D) AND DETERMINED THAT, (1) THE
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NON-MILITARY NATURE OF CODESUR AND THE LACK OF A MAP

MATERIEL AGREEMENT WITH VENEZUELA PREVENT A GRANT OF THESE AIRCRAFT UNDER MAP; (2) ANY EXTENSION OF LOAN OF THE UH-1'S BEYOND THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT, 31 AUGUST 1975, CAN ONLY BE MADE ON A FULLY-REIMBURSABLE BASIS (TOTAL COSTS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 350,000 DOLLARS

ANNUALLY); (3) WHILE THE ARMY IS CURRENTLY SHORT OF REQUIRED HELICOPTERS, A CASH SALE TO VENEZUELA OF THE UH-1'S CAN BE ARRANGED (TOTAL VALUE OF AIRCRAFT APPROACHES 1 MILLION DOLLARS); AND, (4) THE U-1A REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AND CAN BE SOLD TO THE GOV AT VALUE -- APPROXIMATELY 25,000 DOLLARS.

4. SINCE THESE ARE NOT MILITARY SALES, THEY WOULD NOT BE FMSA TRANSACTIONS. RATHER, THEY WOULD BE DOD CASH SALES TO A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT FOR A NON-MILITARY PURPOSE MADE POSSIBLE BY AID DETERMINATION UNDER FAA 607. THIS DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE.

5. THE ABOVE ARE THE ONLY ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE SHORT OF RETURN OF THE AIRCRAFT TO THE ARMY. REQUEST EARLY DETERMINATION OF GOV DESIRES IN THIS MATTER, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE U-1A LEASE OF WHICH EXPIRED 31 AUGUST 1974. KISSINGER

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